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- Sharing knowledge through research, publications, social media and expert input at training courses and other events.
- Developing partnerships with EU and other institutions at different levels, civil society organisations as a member of various Alliances, and with other volunteeing stakeholders.
- Advocating for supportive volunteering policies as a member of EU expert groups, attending and presenting at various hearings and consultations and organising CEV policy conferences.
- Training members and other stakeholders on volunteering related issues.



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## CEV Members Study Visit:

On 14-18 October 2013, 5 delegates from CEV members SMART (Croatia), VSO (Ireland), CSVnet (Italy) and Centrul de Voluntariat Resita (Romania) participated in the training programme organised by CEV once a year and supported through Grundtyig programme. The study visit allows the participants to get a deeper understanding of CEV's work and methodology in promoting volunteering in Europe, to exchange best practices and experience, and to get an overview of the procedures and functioning of the different European Institutions and relevant funding programmes.

## CSV Sardegna Solidale delegation visits CEV office and EU Insitutions:

In October 2013, 34 volunteers from CEV member CSV Sardegna Solidale visited the Committee of the Regions(CoR), the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the CEV office where they were welcomed by representatives of the European Commission and the European Parliament. They also had the opportunity to meet representatives from ALDA, Age Platform Europe and IDP and visited the Parlamentarium as well as the main landmarks in Brussels

# **2.CEV Study Visit Project**







The Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe (P.A.V.E.) is the key policy document for the volunteer sector issued during EYV 2011. Several initiatives such as European Volunteering Capital, the European Alliance for Volunteering and Volunteer Measurement help promote and implement P.A.V.E.

The Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe provides recommendations for a more effective European policy framework to support and promote volunteers, volunteer-involving organisations and their partners.

P.A.V.E. states that "volunteering should not be exploited as a solution to Europe's challenges but be properly valued as an expression of European values, a legitimate counterbalance to injustice and an appropriate expression of solidarity amongst its citizens"

CEV worked in a co-operation with United Nations Volunteers and engaged UNV online volunteers to translate PAVE



In 2013 CEV launched the European Volunteering Capital competition to promote and develop volunteering at the local level. European Commission Vice President Viviane Reding has especially welcomed the initiative given that it clearly shows the strong link between European Years 2011 and 2013, and demonstrates CEV's continued support for cross-border volunteering in Europe.

The selection of the winning municipality was done by the Jury of representatives of European volunteering stakeholders to best demonstrate the implementation of the Policy Agenda for Volunteering in Europe (P.A.V.E) recommendations. Special emphasis was given to the capacity to promote and facilitate the cross border mobility of volunteers.

The application deadline was 1 October 2013 and the applicant municipalities: Barcelona (ES), Guimarães (PT). Laval (FR) and Rennes (FR) were announced at the CEV Conference on 3 October 2013 in Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzagovina.

The Jury decision was announced on 5 December 2013 International Volunteer Day in the European Parliament and the winning municipality for the first edition of the European Volunteering Capital was Barcelona!







#### On 21 February 2013, CEV and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) hosted in Brussels a technical workshop on volunteer measurement.

Various European Union policy documents stress the need to gather comparable data on the amount, character and role of volunteering and recommend the use of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Manual on the Measurement of Volunteer Work for this purpose. The workshop aimed to help convert these policy recommendations into action at the EU Member State level. The meeting gathered national statistics experts from EU countries as well as European level stakeholders, and facilitated the discussion and planning of technical aspects for the implementation of a volunteering module in national statistics. This initiative is part of an on-going advocacy campaign supported through the Network of European Foundations by the Robert Bosch Stiftung and the King Baudouin Foundation.

European Alliance for Volunteering CEV is a founding member of the European Alliance for Volunteering (EAV). Representatives of 6 European networks and organisations active in volunteering have officially established the organisation "European Alliance for Volunteering" in February 2013. CEV Vice President Renzo Razzano was elected member of the Board of the new established platform. The objectives of the European Alliance are:

- To actively coordinate and develop efforts aimed at appropriate follow-up by targeted stakeholders of the policy recommendations contained in the Policy Agenda on Volunteering in Europe (P.A.V.E.) and pursue other policy developments;
- To monitor and communicate developments in the European environment for • volunteering and related policies, acting as a knowledge hub for volunteering;
- To coordinate and develop initiatives that respond to European policies impacting on volunteers and the volunteering sector.

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Volunteer Measurement

# 4.Employee Volunteering European Network (EVEN)

Capacity Building Conference "Making things EVEN"

Employee Volunteering European Network (EVEN) Objectives:

- Increase the numbers of employers and volunteer involving organisations with the capacity and willingness to implement good quality employee volunteering.
- Give recognition and credibility to entities from all sectors that are able to implement good quality employee volunteering projects.
- Enable Founding and Full members to share experiences and new developments on a regular basis and have access to reliable and competent partners for employee volunteering.
- Enable affiliate members to increase their competencies in employee volunteering by participating in EVEN training courses.

The Employee Volunteering European Network (EVEN) was launched in April 2013 in Dublin. CEV, in cooperation with Volunteer Ireland and Citi Bank, organised the spring 2013 CEV **Capacity Building Conference on Employee Volunteering "Making things EVEN"** on 18-19 April.

The EVEN founding members FASVOL, Fundacion Telefonica and Intel were joined by more than 40 other corporate and NGO members. **Contact for more information: even@cev.be.** 

Employee ♥olunteering European №etwork







#### Capacity Building Conference: "Making things EVEN"





The European Year of Citizens 2013 was dedicated to the rights that come with EU citizenship. The aim of the thematic year was to encourage dialogue between all levels of government, civil society and business at events and conferences around Europe, to discuss EU rights and build a vision of how the EU should be in 2020.

In this context, CEV organised the policy conference "Cross–Border Volunteering in the European Year of Citizens – What is it for? Promoting European Citizenship or Increasing Employability?" on 3-4 October 2013 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. As the EU is increasingly concerned with encouraging people to volunteer in order to gain skills, and increase their employability the discussions were stirred around the principle that volunteering is one of the key dimensions of active citizenship and democracy, putting European values such as solidarity and non-discrimination into action. The presentation of different thematic examples and the conclusions were channelled into the wider debate in the European Year 2013.

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# European Year of Citizens Alliance

The European Year of Citizens Alliance (EYCA) is an open network of European and national civil society organisations willing to promote active citizenship as a core element of the European democracy in the frame of the European Year of Citizens 2013. CEV is a member of the Steering Committee of the European Year of Citizen 2013 Alliance (EYCA) and had representatives in each of the three working groups.

The European Year of Citizens Alliance (EYCA) organised the conference "EU Citizenship: Crossing Perspectives" on 8 July 2013 in Zagreb (Croatia) aiming to bring together its members and civil society organisations from the Western Balkan region to address issues such as the role of civil society in the enlargement process, participation and practical approaches, benefits and challenges.

The Closing event of the European Year of Citizens 2013 took place on 12-13 December 2013 in Vilnius (Lithuania). On this occasion the EYCA policy recommendations "It's about us, it's about Europe! Towards European Democratic Citizenship" were presented to Commissioner Viviane Reding and published in 15 EU languages. You can read the recommendations here. CEV President Ms Eva Hambach, CEV Director Ms Gabriella Civico and delegates from CEV member organisations took part in the closing conference of the European Year of Citizens 2013.



Working Group Meetings



CEV @EYCA conference in Zaoreb



EYCA Recommendations

# **Finances**

# Operating costs -210.644 Euros

# Expenditure

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<b>18.9%</b>	General expenditure
4.9%	Conferences
3.2%	Staff travel and subsistence
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## Income

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60%	EU operating grant
31%	Membership contributions
6%	Other income
3%	Income from events
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